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Parks Board Minutes May 25, 1999 Regular Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department was held on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, at 200 South Lamar Blvd.

Board Members Present: Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Elaine Carter, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Jeff Francell, Carol Kim and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres.

Staff Members Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Robert Armistead, Stuart Strong and Donna McKennis.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:40 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Elaine Carter made a motion to approve the minutes as are. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The vote in favor was 6-0 (Librik, Holder, Carter, Francell, Kim, Cruz-Torres)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Capital Improvements Projects Update - Stuart Strong, Planning and Design Division Manager, spoke regarding the bond election that was held this past November. A few months ago Council appropriated funds for about five projects. There was a handout attached to the agenda, which showed the proposed list of projects to be moved forward this year. The chart explains which project, amount funded, the year it will be appropriated and a timeline for the design and construction phase. There was discussion regarding timelines and the status on some projects.
2. 1999 Summer Programs— Robert Armistead, Programs Division Manager introduced two interns from the Texas A&M University that were helping him, Vanessa Garza and Amanda Kluk. Mr. Armistead gave a presentation regarding the Summer Playground Program, Summer Teen Academy and Summer Food Service Program. The playground program will again be operating at fifty-two sites at some parks, playgrounds, some school sites and working again with the Housing Authority at some of their locations. Activities will include sports, games, arts and crafts and some special events. The Summer Teen Recreation Academy was funded two years ago, however, because of construction at many AISD middle school and high school sites it will be operating at five sites. Activities will include sports clinics, indoor soccer, pool parties, art projects and guest speakers. The Summer Food Service Program this year will be operating at ten sites. Mr. Armistead pointed out that the Recreation Centers will still be

operating several of their normal programs and after school programs for year round schools. The Roving Leader program will continue and they will be working with the playground program and pools, as well as their regular program. Some special events that the Programs Division has been working on are: Youth Track Meets, Opening playground ceremonies on June 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. on Auditorium Shores, Chalk Art Contest, June 23, 1999, at each playground site and Wacky Games, July 5, 1999, at Zilker Park.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Elaine Carter asked the Board Members to not take action and delay the recommendation to Council regarding Shoal Creek Greenway Action Plan item until some more questions are answered.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Olivares reported of various special events coming up. Copies of the Downtown Report were handed out to Board Members along with brochures from the Recreation Centers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs – Nothing more at this time.

Land and Facilities – Made a visit to the BCP, will be asking for status update on the project at the next Committee meeting.

Navigation – Have not met.

Municipal Airport – Mike Librik handed out a pamphlet of information with a map and asked for the Board Members to please review and submit any comments back to him.

Downtown Commission – Attended a presentation on Smart Growth. There were a couple of applications for closing an alley.

ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

There was discussion regarding Barton Springs Pool, the greenbelt access off of Camp Craft Road and a proposal for new bike lanes.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.